

Warren County Board of Supervisors



SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2013



The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Old Warren County Courthouse in Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Commander Eugene Pierce of the Warren County American Legion.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Mayr Sawyer, of the Glens Falls High School Class of 2015.

Presentation of the 1813 American Flag was made by Commander Pierce on behalf of the Warren County American Legion Posts.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Monroe, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Loeb, Kenny, Frasier, Bentley, Vanselow, Merlino, Montesi, Strainer, Westcott, Sokol, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 18. Supervisors Dickinson and Mason Absent, -2.

A welcome address was given by Vincent Crocitto, Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Lake George, following which Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, also welcomed attendees.

Chairman Geraghty introduced dignitaries and special guests, as follows:

Judge John S. Hall, Warren County Court

Judge David Krogmann, Warren County Supreme Court

Lou Tessier, former Town of Lake George Supervisor and Chairman of the Board

John Rymph, Chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors

Brian Campbell, Budget Officer, Washington County Board of Supervisors

Members of the Lake George Town Board: Vincent Crocitto, Councilman

Marissa Muratori, Councilwoman

Fran Heinrich, Councilwoman

Dan Hurley, Councilman

Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George

Darlene Gunther, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Lake George

Chairman Geraghty introduced Christiaan van Nispen, of North Warren Central School Class of 2013 and winner of the Warren County American Legion Oratorical Contest from Chestertown Post 964, to recite his winning essay.

Councilwoman Muratori was introduced to provide a history of the Old Warren County Courthouse, where the meeting was being held. *A copy of Councilwoman Muratori's speech is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Chairman Geraghty introduced "James Caldwell", founder of Caldwell (*now the Town of Lake George*),

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who provided a historical monologue. *The part of James Caldwell was played by Wesley Ecker, of the Glens Falls Community Theater, dressed in period garb.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ann McCann, Warren County Historian, who introduced New York State Historian Robert Weible to provide a Bicentennial Address.

Pam Vogel, County Clerk, made a brief speech during which she listed the years that each of the Towns/Cities/Villages of Warren County were founded, and she thanked the members of the Bicentennial Committee and all those who had worked tirelessly to bring the commemorative event to fruition. Mrs. Vogel expressed great appreciation for the dedication and assistance of Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, without whom the event would not have been possible. She then asked Mrs. Sady and Chairman Geraghty to unveil the Warren County Bicentennial Plaque, one of which would be presented to the Supervisor of each Town, as well as to the Mayors of the Village of Lake George and the City of Glens Falls on behalf of the Warren County Bicentennial Committee.

Concluding the meeting, Chairman Geraghty announced the official postal cancellation and sale of the historic post card at the Warren County Bicentennial Station located on the lawn in front of the Old Courthouse, and he acknowledged the U.S. Postal Service and Jodi Finnegan, Lake George Postmaster. Chairman Geraghty invited everyone to adjourn to the lawn reception where refreshments would be offered and musical renditions provided by Courtly Music Unlimited; he noted that guests could partake of self-guided tours of the Old Courthouse, jail and exhibits until 3:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mr. Montesi and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Commemorative Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

A copy of the program presented at the Commemorative Meeting is on file with the meeting minutes.